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Steve Nash contacted me some time back saying that he was planning to move his dairy from California to Tennessee. Frankly, I considered this very good news. The dairy business has been and continues to be an important part of Tennessee agriculture, but it has declined in recent years. Frankly, having a significant dairy like this one move in and succeed could be a real boost to the Tennessee ag economy and to the economy in general.

I am the head of the Ag Department at MTSU and we are committed to the Dairy industry from milk production milk processing and marketing. Our students need the type of operation that Nash Dairy Company represents. In other words, we need to have a nearby example of a significant dairy that is well-managed that can show how to implement innovative production ideas and demonstrates a well-designed water quality / waste management system. Steve Nash has already visited our operation to see how we implemented our bedded compost pack and our lagoon with its workable irrigation system.

I know Mr. Nash wants to work with the appropriate agencies to develop his dairy and I think everyone involved will be pleased with the results.

Sincerely,

Warren Gill, Director

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